

Remarks

We are in receipt of the Office Action dated March 10, 2006, and the above Amendment and following remarks are made in light thereof.

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. Pursuant to the Office Action, claims 1-5, 7-14, 16, 17, 19-22 and 24-30 are rejected. Claims 6, 15, 18 and 23 are objected to. In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 5, 12, 14, 17 and 22 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By way of the foregoing Amendments, Applicant has rewritten claims 5, 12, 14, 17 and 22 as new claims 31-35. Claims 2, 6, 15, 18, 20 and 23 are amended to correct their dependency, while original claims 3 and 21 remain unchanged. Claims 1, 4, 5, 7-14, 16, 17, 19, 22 and 24-30 are canceled without prejudice to presentation in a further continuation application.

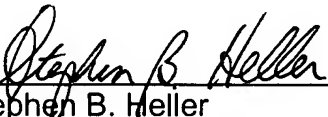
In rewriting claims 5, 12, 14, 17 and 22 to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, Applicant has used broader generic terms in place of the more specific and limited terminology used in the original claims. For example, applicant has used the term "carrier" in place of "track member," and "laterally moveable member" in place of "sliding member." Also, for clarification, the claims make clear that the carrier moves between a pick-up position and a retracted dumping position; while the lifter support is movable with respect to the carrier between a stored position and an operating position and, when in the operating position, the lifter support is "extending generally forwardly," instead of "spaced forwardly," of the vehicle. Further, the lifter

support is "moveably attached" to the carrier, instead of "pivotally attached." It is respectfully submitted that the amended claims are fully consistent with the description and drawings of this application and are equally allowable over the prior art.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early Office Action in this regard is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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